

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TONER-SUPPLEMENTING DEVICE AND TONER-AGITATING MEMBER

the specification of which was filed on _____ as U.S. Patent Application No. _____ as amended (if applicable) _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, to the best of my ability. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my assignee disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed, or (2) if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Country	Number	Filing Date	Priority claimed
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120/365 of all United States application(s) listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

PRIOR U.S. OR PCT APPLICATION(S)

Application Number	Filing Date	Status
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I hereby declare that all statements herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.

I hereby appoint Wallace G. Walter (Reg. No. 27,843), 5726 Clarence Ave. Alexandria, Virginia 22311 (telephone number 202-236-3707) my attorney to prosecute this application, to whom all communications are to be directed, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent, and I hereby authorize him to act and rely on instructions from and communicate directly with the person/assignee/firm/organization who/which first sends/sent this application to him and by whom/which I hereby declare that I have consented after full disclosure to be so represented unless/until I instruct Wallace G. Walter in writing to the contrary.

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